LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51
District School Council MINUTES - March 5, 2018

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda – approved by Shannon Pratt, 2nd by Edna Asem
3. Approval of the Minutes from January 15, 2018 – approved by Trina Tymko, 2nd by Sarah Musk
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
   • Town Hall results
     Cheryl noted the three Town Hall questions:
     What the District does well?
     What the District can do better?
     What actions are to be made?
     Summary charts will be posted on the website when properly formatted
     Themes and common perspectives are listed across the groups who responded
     (students, parents, staff, and community).

     Highlights
     What to do better- Transitions between grades, communication
     What doing well- communication, collaboration, Variety of programs, flexible
     programming, positive staff
     Action- educational support, social media, mental health and wellness, physical health
     support, financial literacy, volunteerism, increase workplace opportunities, especially in
     trade.
     Comments on Town Hall:
     Trina - responded positively to the Town Hall
     Locke - great to have tables with mixed group of people. A specific question would be better.
     Providing online opportunities was good but not a large response.

   • Parent Math Help Report
     Attendance disappointing with Wilson math tutoring program despite advertisement
     campaign- about 7 parents each week, great success stories with those involved.
     Global News clip shown- positively highlighting parent tutoring group last year
     Shannon Pratt suggested teachers send an e-mail to parents of those students struggling in the
     math at school about the tutoring program prior to delivery next year.
     Edna Asem-Parents might feel embarrassed to go the program. Parents also busy. Suggested
     to also/instead use an online platform, or webinar.
     Edna also suggested that Khan Academy online is also great for math help. Type problem and
     will teach step by step
     Locke- might try to brand program as helping Parent and student with math together. Locke
     was saying that running during certain times like during exam times might have greater
     attendance.

5. Trustee Report – Christine Light
   Sarah Williamson nominated for Edwin Parr Award
Alberta Education allotted $141,000 for nutrition programs 2017/2018- Fleetwood Bawden $65,000 given to them. Fleetwood Bawden has had great results. Remainder of money allocated to various schools.

For the 2018-2019 school year, Board is supportive of the idea of one district, one book. Cheryl- It is a grass roots initiative coming from staff at all levels (elementary, middle, high). The group is hoping to secure funding support from things like literacy grants and business sponsorship. We would be the first district in Canada to have One District, One book Policy change to have signage about video or calls might be recorded.

There were a few lines for enrollment in EEP (Early Education Program), so the Board discussed why EEP programs have been formed and the levels of access with the PUF students having first access. Limited spaces. The EEP programs are not dictated by city boundaries. Parents who are unable to enroll their children in their desired school can enrol them in other schools that have space. Parents may have to go to where there is space.

Locke-Do PUF students have to line up to enroll
Cheryl- PUF students are referred and preregistered before registration opens for general public. The Board is trying to eliminate line-ups. One potential strategy is to have a draw with left over spaces from EEP. Those who are not can be redirected to another school with openings.

6. Alberta School Councils Association - Allison Pike- Absent
Cheryl- Conference upcoming with issues resolutions. The actual voting occurs at the annual conference. If a School Council is not sending a delegate, they can vote by Proxy. Input from your School Council for the “draft” resolutions must be submitted by March 12/2018. Revisions and the final draft of resolutions will be sent to each School Council by ASCA. If you would like to attend the ASCA Conference, the District would pay the registration of one person per school. Each school has also received $250 for parent professional learning which can be requested for conference expenses such as gas and accommodations. Meals are provided at the conference.
Cheryl briefly read and discussed the DRAFT issues that are being proposed.
Conference is April 20-22, 2018 – contact LeeAnne Tedder re: registration.

7. Reports from District Committees:
   - District Policy Advisory Committee: Laura Scarpelli listed policies amended
   - Community Engagement Committee: Heather Paul – We had an excellent speaker for scholarship breakfast. Very successful in attendance. Realtor luncheon planned as an information session about schools in the area to pass on to prospective home buyers.

8. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities - none to add
Cheryl reminded council that Blanket ceremony is possible if School Council has an interest. Need at least 25 people in order to host a Blanket Ceremony.

9. New Business:
   ASCA Resolutions - a glance at the resolutions that are going forward at the provincial ASCA Conference. Lethbridge School District Councils do not have any resolutions on AGM agenda,
but School Councils may want to take the opportunity to review and discuss the DRAFT Resolutions.

10. Superintendent’s Report – Cheryl Gilmore
A name for the new Westside Middle School should be announced to the public soon. Lethbridge School district was successful with some provincial grants with new Dual Credit courses.
$50,000 received to launch Cinema 1000 in collaboration with the U of L on the U of L campus (evening course).
$50,000 received to launch a Mechanics program at the Lethbridge College starting April to August.

11. Roundtable Reports
Reports are included with the agenda: an opportunity to highlight a very significant event or for questions from the representatives about information in a written report

12. Adjournment @ 8:02 pm